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SUBJECT: OKINAWA VOA RELAY STATION

REF: TOKYO 4198

FOR SHOESMITH AND SCHMITZ FROM SNEIDER

1. AM MUCH DISTURBED BY EFFORT OF FUKADA TO REINTERPRET OKINAWA VOA AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT VOA OPERATIONS PAST 1977 (PARA 6 REFTEL). THIS NOT REPEAT NOT FIRST INSTANCE OF LIMITED RECALL ABILITY FONOFF.

2. BOTH IN CONTEXT SCHEDULED VOA CONSULTATIONS, MAY 7-8, AND SEPARATELY, REQUEST YOU MAKE CLEAR, PREFERABLY TO OKAWARA, THAT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT GOJ INTERPRETATION OF QTE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES UNQTE TO INCLUDE ONLY SUCH THINGS AS QTE NATURAL CALAMITIES.UNQTE I HAVE REVIEWED NEGOTIATING RECORD AVAILABLE HERE AND FIND THAT ON CONTRARY I MADE CLEAR TO MORI AND YOSHINO THAT 5-YEAR PERIOD NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY SUFFICIENT FOR COMPLETION OF NEW FACILITY. MORI RESPONDED GOJ RECOGNIZED THIS

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POSSIBILITY AND WOULD ASSURE THAT GOJ WOULD NOT HAVE TO

CEASE OPERATIONS UNTIL NEW FACILITY CONSTRUCTED. THIS CON-
VERSATION COVERED IN TOKYO'S 4348 OF MAY 12, 1971.
SAME POINT, AS SCHMITZ WILL RECALL, WAS MADE REPEATEDLY
TO YOSHINO AND THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER RECORDS OF THESE

3. RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WAS AGREED MINUTE IN
WHICH TERM QTE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES UNQTE WAS
WORKED OUT, PERMITTING GOJ TO AVOID SPECIFIC DIET ACTION
AT THAT TIME BUT THEY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SEEK
NECESSARY DIET AUTHORIZATION, IF NECESSARY, DURING
NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IF YOU SENSE THAT, DESPITE CLEAR NEGOTIATING RECORD,
GOJ IS GOING TO REMAIN ADAMANT ON THIS POINT, WE WOULD
WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO POSTPONING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.
I REALIZE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY HAVE GONE
BEYOND COMMITMENTS MADE BY HIS MINISTRY DURING DIET
DEBATE, BUT THIS IS PROBLEM FOR FONOFF TO WORK OUT AND
NOT TO PASS ON TO US. RUSH

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